

WASHINGTON, DC – Rep. Mike Honda (CA-15), Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, released the following statement today after news reports that Senator Edward M. Kennedy has been diagnosed by doctors with a malignant brain tumor:

"During this trying time, my thoughts and best wishes are with Senator Edward Kennedy and his family. Few people have had a greater impact on our country than Senator Kennedy, who in his illustrious career has always bolstered the American Dream of opportunity for all. The Senator has been one of the strongest voices in Congress for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, particularly in the areas of immigration, health care, civil rights, and education. I pray for a quick and sound recovery and trust that he will soon be back in Congress, making the invaluable contributions that are his trademark."

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The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) is a bicameral and bipartisan caucus of Members of Congress of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and Members who have a strong dedication to promoting the well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Founded in 1994 by then Congressman Norman Mineta, and currently chaired by Congressman Michael Honda, CAPAC has been addressing the needs of the AAPI community in all areas of American life. For more information on CAPAC, please call (202) 225-2631 or visit <http://www.honda.house.gov/capac>.